Mary L. Cotrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications & Energy One South Station Boston, MA 02110 August 14, 2003

Re: D.T.E. 03-40 Boston Gas Company d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England

Dear Secretary Cotrell:

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. §§ 1.04 (5)(a) and 1.06(b), the Attorney General requests a minor adjustment to the briefing schedule. As grounds for this motion, the Attorney General states that the hearings did not close during the week of August 4, 2003, as originally envisioned by the procedural schedule, due to the exigencies of the seven week hearing process. After consultation with the Company, the Attorney General requests that the briefing schedule be enlarged to allow his initial brief, currently due on August 26, 2003, to be filed on August 29, 2003. Otherwise, the briefing schedule will remain the same, including the September 9, 2003 deadline for the Company's initial brief. The Company has no objection to this motion.

Sincerely,

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